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Dear Ms. Adcock,

Health Canada officials have known for some time that the Department's policies help to sustain abuse, by physicians, of persons with environmental sensitivities. Over the past decade, many within the department have provided information supporting that statement. Others continue to come forward.

A few have asked me why I continue. It is because management in the Department is prepared to sacrifice the lives of Canadians rather than confront our abusers. Officials are apparently afraid to confront our abusers and rationalize their inaction with statements I believe they know are dishonest.

What I am doing has a long tradition. It is called "confronting the abuser". What the Department is doing also has a name. It is "denial". Officials deny, by their statements and actions, that this group is being abused, that the abuse could be stopped fairly quickly. They deny the existence of science and literature dating back over a century. They deny that sensitivities are caused by a variety of diseases, and pretend that they are a specific single illness. They deny the existence of the means to rescue significant numbers of people from ongoing preventable abuse, and to do so almost immediately.

I believe that Health Canada is playing games with the lives of Canadians. At some point someone will *successfully* encourage the Department to move on to the next stages, namely "acknowledgement", "healing", and "forgiveness". Until the department deals with the issue of abuse by physicians, persons with sensitivities will continue to be caused personal and financial damages, including broken families, ruined careers, increased disability, and deaths. Officials equivocate while the literature indicates a reasonable probability that there is *one suicide per day* of a Canadian who has this disability and who has been abused by members of the medical profession.

Sincerely,

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